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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Fiorenzo Draghetti, et al.) Examiner: Landrum, Edward F
Serial No.: 10/579,866) Group Art Unit: 3724
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For: CUTTING UNIT FOR CUTTING CONTINUOUS CIGARETTE RODS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.114

Sir:

This Request for Continued Examination is filed in response to the final Office Action mailed on September 24, 2010. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fee in connection with a Request for Continued Examination (\$810) pursuant to 37 C.F.R §1.17(e) to Deposit Account No. 503570. Applicants request that the finality of the outstanding Office Action be withdrawn and the present submission be entered. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims commence on page 2; and Remarks commence on page 5.